

ATTACHMENT E**PREFERENCE POINTS FOR CALIFORNIA-BASED ENTITIES**

Pursuant to AB 2267 (Fuentes, 2008), the California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program must give a priority to "California-based entities" (CBEs) when making awards. To implement this law, the Energy Commission will award preference points if the proposal meets the criteria for a CBE as described below.

A bidder/applicant must meet all of the following to receive CBE preference points:

1. The proposal must include a CBE as either the prime contractor/recipient or a subcontractor. A CBE is a corporation or other business form organized for the transaction of business that:
 - Either has its headquarters or an office in California AND
 - Substantially manufactures the product or substantially performs the research within California that is the subject of the award.
2. The budget must show that the CBE(s) will receive 50% or more of the PIER funds awarded.
 - If the CBE is the prime contractor/recipient, then this means that no more than 50% of the awarded PIER funds can be subcontracted to non-CBEs.
 - The 50% applies to the PIER funds and does not include the match funding. For example, if a proposal has a PIER budget of \$100,000, then regardless of how much match funding is pledged, the budget must show \$50,000 or more in PIER funds going to CBEs.
 - The 50% requirement can be made up of multiple CBEs. For example, a proposal in which a prime contractor/recipient CBE will receive 25% of PIER funds and a subcontractor CBE will receive 25% of PIER funds, meets this 50% requirement.
3. The proposal must receive a passing score prior to any preference points being added.

The preference points will be awarded as follows:

<i>Score (prior to preference points being added)</i>	<i>Points</i>
70-75	1
76-81	2
82-87	3
88-93	4
94-100	5

The total possible points, not counting any preference points, for this solicitation is 100. The minimum passing score is 70 points. Each proposal that has a score of 70 points or more and qualifies for this preference will receive additional points based on the table above.

Bidders/applicants wanting to qualify for these preference points must fill out the attached form.